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PLANS

Iran

Isfahan

Armenian Emigration From

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- 1. On 1h August, 460 Armenians from Isfahan went to Sultanabad for entraining to Armenia. These were villagers who had come to Isfahan during the last four or five years. They were transported to Sultanabad in trucks, the front one of which carried a red flag bearing a photograph of Stalin and the words "Long live our father, J. Stalin."
- 2. On 22 August, 1,08h Armenians, of the same category as above, went to Sultanabad en route for Russia. A considerable number of them had contributed toward the travelling expenses, one family of three having paid 1,250 rials. This party carried 3 of the above-mentioned flags with them.
- It is reported that up to 30 August, 6,000 emigrants had left the Isfahan area for Soviet Armenia.
- 4. On 30 August, a notice was exhibited in Isfahan that any Armenian was entitled to emigrate quite freely, but at his own expense. No more were to be sent at community expense until next spring.
- 5. On 2 September, one truck load of emigrants left for Soviet Armenia: they were all travelling at their own expense.

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